

English I Summer Reading
Hillsboro High School
2011-2012

All classes will read the following two novels:

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

Assignments for these readings are as follows:

- Fahrenheit 451
 - Choose a character from the novel. Create a character diary for this character. Diary entries need to meet the following criteria:
 - You need a total of 10 diary entries.
 - Each diary entry should be 75 - 100 words.
 - Each diary entry must be written in the first-person point (use “I”, “me”, “my”, etc).
 - Each diary entry should provide the character’s perspective on specific events in the story.
- Speak
 - Create your own book jacket. The book jacket should include the following:
 - It should be hand-written and hand-drawn. (You will not be graded on artistic ability, but rather your understanding of the novel.)
 - The cover should include an attractive picture as the cover design and should relate to the novel. It should also include the title of the book and the author and should be done as neatly as possible.
 - The back of the book jacket should include an original summary of the book. This summary should be 100 – 150 words and should NOT give away the ending of the book.
 - On the back of the book jacket also include a quote **from** the novel that would make someone else want to read the book. You should take this quote DIRECTLY from the story, word for word. It should not be a quote about the story. You may not use a quote that is already on the book jacket. This quote should be a minimum of 50 words.

All honors classes must read A Gathering of Old Men by Ernest Gaines in addition to the above readings. Students signed up for English I standard may also read the book and take the tests for extra credit.

Due Dates:

- The projects for Fahrenheit 451 and Speak will be due the first full week of school.
- The tests over A Gathering of Old Men will take place at the end of the second full week of school. The first test will be a multiple choice test; the second test will be an essay test.